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Director's Meeting

Friday, 7 September 1951

PRESENT: General Smith, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Becker.

25X1 Mr. Dulles referred to Mr. [] and Mr. Wisner undertook to check as to his availability. The DCI indicated that he would phone Mr. [] 25X1

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Mr. Dulles also indicated that Dr. Langer had also raised the question of "Estimates" by OCI. Both the DCI and Mr. Jackson indicated that this issue had been definitively settled. The DCI pointed out the distinction between a fully considered and coordinated estimate and the type of "comments" made in the OCI publications. In view of the wish of the President that such comments be included, CIA was under obligation to make them and would continue to do so. It was entirely in order that such comments should be coordinated with O/NE and O/CI had agreed to have a representative of O/NE sit on its Publication Board. The DCI indicated that he was not worried that there might be some minor inconsistency between flash OCI comments and O/NE estimates.

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The DCI called attention to the Log item referring to Mr. Donovan's request for documents in the [] case. The DCI strongly expressed the view that no additional documents should be given to Mr. Donovan without clearing with Defense since CIA had no connection whatsoever with this case; it was completely a matter for Defense, which had taken over SSU prior to the organization of CIA. Mr. Dulles and Mr. Becker undertook to follow up on this matter with Colonel Hansen. At a later meeting during the morning, Colonel Hansen reported that the toxicological report which had been given to Mr. Donovan was unrestricted and had been handed over with the approval of the Department of Defense.

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Mr. Dulles reported that he had had a successful meeting with Peyton Ford of the Department of Justice and that Mr. Ford had agreed verbally that the so-called [] was not affected by the McCarran Act. After some discussion it was determined not to request such an opinion in writing from Mr. Ford. The DCI emphasized that CIA's arrangements with Mr. Ford should be confirmed with his successor and Mr. Dulles noted that Mr. Horan of Mr. Ford's office attended the meeting.

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Mr. Dulles referred to a resolution (S.Res.74, 82nd Congress, 1st Session) introduced by Senator Benton calling for an investigation of the U.S. propaganda program. Senator McMahon, who is extremely interested in this resolution, planned to ask the DCI to testify on it, in his capacity as Chairman of the Psychological Strategy Board. The DCI indicated that if such a request was received he would ask Gordon Gray to testify in his stead.

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In answer to an inquiry from the DCI, Mr. Wolf indicated that there was nothing new on building, though he hoped to have something in the near future.

Reference was made to a Mr. [redacted] an individual who was highly recommended by, among others, [redacted] and Mr. Wolf indicated that he had been talking with Mr. [redacted] and was very favorably impressed.

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Mr. Becker raised the question of whether NIE 31 should be distributed by CIA to the Coast Guard, Agricultural, Public Health Service and Federal Civil Defense. The DCI directed that such distribution should not be made by CIA.



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